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Sauget Sites (Areas I and II)  
Superfund/Compliance

April 18, 1990

Richard M. Cohen  
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Dear Mr. Cohen:

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("IEPA") and the Illinois Attorney General's Office are in receipt of your letter dated March 27, 1990 and Morris Weissman's letter dated March 21, 1990. In reference to the information request letters which were sent to you and the other former stockholders of GIT Industries, Inc. ("GIT") on March 12, 1990, IEPA is inquiring about the past operations of a rubber reclaiming facility (the "Facility") in Sauget, Illinois that belonged to Midwest Rubber Reclaiming Company ("MRRC").

MRRC was formerly a Delaware corporation of which our records indicate you and Mr. Weissman were directors and officers. MRRC was a wholly owned subsidiary of GIT, also a former Delaware corporation. MBS Chem, Inc. (now known as Empire Chem, Inc.) acquired the Facility on or about September 29, 1986. As part of the acquisition, MRRC transferred all of its interest in a promissory note of MBS Chem, Inc. to GIT on or before November 6, 1986. GIT transferred its interest in that note to three of its stockholders, including you and Mr. Weissman, effective November 6, 1986.

Regarding your status as a potentially responsible party ("PRP") for Area I, enclosed is a copy of a blueprint entitled "Village of Sauget Sewer System Layout". The drawing shows an 18 inch outfall originating at the former MRRC property. The discharge point is located approximately 200 feet south of Queeny Road into Dead Creek. Pine tars, naphthalenes and other toxic organics, which result from impurities in rubber synthesis have been found in this segment of Dead Creek, downstream of the outfall. Because of the nature of this type of discharge, a significant portion of this creek has been "rubberized". In addition to the physical contamination, the subsequent "rubberization" of the creek has caused contaminated stormwater runoff to collect in this area, thereby creating additional health hazards. These discharges are widely believed to have originated from operations at the Facility prior to the above-described transactions.

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Your PRP status in Area II pertains to similar industrial discharges made to the Village of Sauget Treatment Plant from the mid 1950s until August 31, 1980. Lagoons at this treatment plant, which have been closed since 1980, have shown extensive contamination and have since become the focus of an areawide investigation. Due to the nature of contamination found at these lagoons and in the segment of Dead Creek mentioned earlier, inclusion on the National Priority List has been proposed.

All addresses and technical information has been provided by the "Expanded Site Investigation - Dead Creek Project Sites, Sauget, Illinois" (IEPA, 1988), "A Preliminary Hydrogeologic Investigation in the Northern Portion of Dead Creek and Vicinity" (IEPA, 1981), and the PRP group of Area I.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Takacs of my staff at the above number.

Sincerely,

*William C. Child*

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